

Appln. No. 09/599,042

Docket No. 22-0127

REMARKS

In the aforementioned Office action, claims 1-11, 17-19 and 28-34 were rejected and the rejection was made final. Claims 12-16 and 20-22 were said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this amendment, all of the rejected claims have been cancelled and allowable claims 12 and 20 have been amended to include all the features of claim 11, from which they originally depended. Allowable claims 13-16 still depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 12, and allowable claims 21 and 22 both depend from claim 20. Accordingly, all of the allowable claims are now independent of rejected claims and should be allowed without further substantive examination.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests formal allowance of claims 12-16 and 20-22.

Respectfully submitted,

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